

Message

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Sent: 6/22/2021 9:39:35 PM
To: Durant, Jennah [Durant.Jennah@epa.gov]; Davis, Alison [Davis.Alison@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: ACTION _ PRESS - NYT on air toxics in Louisiana

Thanks for checking!

From: Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 5:38 PM
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It sounds like we don't have anything more recent that ready for public consumption. Here is what Fran Verhalen of our Air staff said:

At this time, this information presented below is the most recent information that has been finalized and approved.

We are working with OAQPS Risk Assessors to provide an updated risk assessment for certain the following facilities in or near Ascension, St James and St John the Baptist Parishes are BCP Ingredients, Taminco, Evonik, and Dow/Union Carbide. The final updated risk assessments are expected to be finalized by June 30, 2021.

On Jun 22, 2021, at 3:13 PM, Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov> wrote:

Millett – thoughts on Jennah's question?

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I'm checking with our air division. But, since the reporter's inquiry is based specifically on 2014 NATA, do we want to expand our response?

Jennah

From: McAtee, Jeffrey <McAtee.Jeffrey@epa.gov>

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Alison,
We'll get on it.
Thanks,
Jeff

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Importance: High

Jeff & Jennah,

NYT asked us for some NATA info for three La. Parishes (see below). We've got a draft answer, but the emissions data that underlie NATA are old – from 2014. Would you check with your folks to find out if there is any updated toxics info for these areas? Here's the inquiry and the draft response. Due today. Let us know if we need to request an extension

Inquiry: I am citing the 2014 NATA study in a video we are making about southern Louisiana. I was wondering if you or someone on your team would be able to help us verify the way we are interpreting the data.

We are trying to calculate the cancer risk for Ascension, St James and St John the Baptist Parishes, or for the river region between Baton Rouge and New Orleans as a whole. Is this something that you or someone from the EPA might be able to help us pin down?

DRAFT response – please edit as needed

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NOTE: NATA only considers health effects from breathing these air toxics. It does not consider indoor hazards, contacting or ingesting toxics, and any other ways people might be exposed.

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